

58. So he made them into fragments, except a large one among them, that they might return to it [and question].
59. They said, "Who has done this to our gods? Indeed, he is of the wrongdoers."
60. They said, "We heard a young man mention them who is called Abraham."
61. They said, "Then bring him before the eyes of the people that they may testify."⁸³⁰
62. They said, "Have you done this to our gods, O Abraham?"
63. He said, "Rather, this – the largest of them – did it, so ask them, if they should [be able to] speak."
64. So they returned to [blaming] themselves and said [to each other], "Indeed, you are the wrongdoers."
65. Then they reversed themselves,⁸³¹ [saying], "You have already known that these do not speak!"
66. He said, "Then do you worship instead of Allāh that which does not benefit you at all or harm you?"
67. Uff⁸³² to you and to what you worship instead of Allāh. Then will you not use reason?"
68. They said, "Burn him and support your gods – if you are to act."
69. We [i.e., Allāh] said, "O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham."
70. And they intended for him a plan [i.e., harm], but We made them the greatest losers.
71. And We delivered him and Lot to the land which We had blessed for the worlds [i.e., peoples].

⁸³⁰To what they had heard him say. It may also mean "...that they may witness [what will be done to him as punishment]."

⁸³¹After first admitting their error, they were seized by pride and obstinacy.

⁸³²An exclamation of anger and displeasure.

72. And We gave him Isaac and Jacob in addition, and all [of them] We made righteous.
73. And We made them leaders guiding by Our command. And We inspired to them the doing of good deeds, establishment of prayer, and giving of zakāh; and they were worshippers of Us.
74. And to Lot We gave judgement and knowledge, and We saved him from the city that was committing wicked deeds. Indeed, they were a people of evil, defiantly disobedient.
75. And We admitted him into Our mercy. Indeed, he was of the righteous.
76. And [mention] Noah, when he called [to Allāh]⁸³³ before [that time], so We responded to him and saved him and his family from the great affliction [i.e., the flood].
77. And We aided [i.e., saved] him from the people who denied Our signs. Indeed, they were a people of evil, so We drowned them, all together.
78. And [mention] David and Solomon, when they judged concerning the field – when the sheep of a people overran it [at night],⁸³⁴ and We were witness to their judgement.
79. And We gave understanding of it [i.e., the case] to Solomon, and to each [of them] We gave judgement and knowledge. And We subjected the mountains to exalt [Us], along with David and [also] the birds. And We were doing [that].⁸³⁵
80. And We taught him the fashioning of coats of armor to protect you from your [enemy in] battle. So will you then be grateful?
81. And to Solomon [We subjected] the wind, blowing forcefully, proceeding by his command toward the land which We had blessed. And We are ever, of all things, Knowing.

⁸³³ i.e., supplicated against his people who had persisted in denial and animosity.
See 71:26-28.

⁸³⁴ Eating and destroying the crops.

⁸³⁵ Meaning that Allāh has always been capable of accomplishing whatever He wills.